

NAVY IS ACTING
WITHOUT LAW

In Constructing the Two
Newest Battleships, Says
Fitzgerald.

IN CHARGES MADE
In the House of Representa-
tives at Washington This
Afternoon.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Charges were made in the House of Representatives today by Fitzgerald, of New York, that the navy department was without any authority of law in the construction of the two newest battleships for the navy, and that it had proceeded on its own initiative to pay the vessels thirty per cent greater than called for by the law authorizing their construction.

FIRST VISIT

Of the New General Manager
of the B. & O. Road
is Being Made.

A. W. Thompson, the new general manager of the B. & O. lines, is out from Baltimore, on his first inspection trip over the lines. He will first visit the mining districts of the state. While on this trip he will study the new third track layout in the state to serve the coal traffic. This is one of the first movements to be started by President Willard when he took charge of the system. After Mr. Thompson's trip through West Virginia he will leave for Pittsburgh to attend to some important business.

PENSION BILL

Is Favorably Reported by
Committee to Increase the
Age Pension.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—A pension bill has been favorably reported by the committee. Increasing the age pension. There is reason to believe the bill will be passed without serious opposition in either House. It provides for a pension of \$15 at 62 years of age; 20 at 65; \$30 at 70 and \$36 at 75 years.

SERIOUS CHARGE

Placed Against Mannington
Man Alleged to Have De-
frauded Woman.

FAIRMONT, Dec. 16.—R. W. Gardner, of Mannington, was arrested on a charge of embezzlement and brought here to be placed in the county jail. He was given a hearing and put under bond of \$1,000 to appear before the grand jury to answer a charge of defrauding Mrs. Frances Schneider out of \$1,500. The man and woman, it is said, were to build a club house at Mannington. Difficulty later arose between him and Mrs. Schneider leading to the embezzlement charge. Gardner married a Mannington girl.

COUNTY COURT

Is in Session Again Today Attending
to the County Business.

All the members of the county court were present at today's session.

M. L. Jarrett was granted a no-
raxy public certificate.

Felix O. Sutton qualified as ad-
ministrator of the estate of Lewis
Cottrill with bond at \$300 and
James H. Mines surety. He also
qualified as guardian of William D.
Alvin, B. Nellie R., Charles E.
Thurman H., and Amos Cottrill with
six bonds of \$300 each.

HORAN RETURNS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—John
Horan, clerk to the committee on
election of President and Vice Pres-
ident, of which Congressman Gaines
is chairman, has returned from Sum-
merville, Nicholas county, where he
was called by the death of his brother.

WILL NOT CONTEST
BROWN'S ELECTION

Sturgiss Says But the State
May Prosecute Congress-
man-Elect.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Congressman-elect W. G. Brown, of Kingwood, left for home today, after spending a few days in Wash-
ington, familiarizing himself with
the duties of a member of Congress
and making himself acquainted
among the members who will hold
their places in the next House.

A telegram from Charleston stating
that Congressman Sturgiss might
contest Mr. Brown's election be-
cause of his statement of expendi-
tures showing that he exceeded the
legal limit of expenditures in his
campaign was shown to Mr. Stur-
giss. He said there was no
foundation for any such statement;
that if Mr. Brown has spent in ex-
cess of the amount allowed by law,
that could not affect his election, and
that he would not have any hand in
contesting Mr. Brown's election.

"If Brown," he said, "has violated
and state law, he may be held ac-
countable to the state authorities,
but the question of his expenditures
does not enter into his election.
The people elected him and I will
not contest the election."

HUGHES IS ILL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—
Congressman James A. Hughes has
gone home sick and does not expect
to return to Washington till after
the Christmas holidays.

FARMERS INVADGE
LEGISLATIVE HALLS

Take Possession of House of
Commons and Present
Their Demands.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 16.—An army
of invading farmers who are as-
sembled here from various parts of
the Dominion took possession of the
House of Commons today and pre-
sented a demand which they wish-
ed enacted into law.

M'GRAW SURE

Announces at Capital He is a
Candidate for Senate
Toga and Will Win It.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—
John T. McGraw, of Grafton, stop-
ped long enough from social di-
versions last night to explain that he
was a candidate for senator, adding:
"I will be elected, too." Others
from the state suggest that McGraw
has been called here for a conference
with Democrats from the southern
section of the state.

COASTING FATAL

New Martinsville Boy Dies of
Injuries Received in a
Coasting Accident.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, Dec. 16.—
Melvin Bennett, aged 14, is dead
here from injuries received in a
coasting accident on Virginia Hill.
Young Bennett lost control of his
sled, crashed into a telegraph pole
head first, and was rendered uncon-
scious. He was a son of C. C. Ben-
nett.

GUILTY

Of Involuntary Manslaughter is the
Marsh Verdict.

SUTTON, Dec. 16.—The jury sit-
ting in the case of the common-
wealth of West Virginia against A.
J. Marsh on the charge of murder-
ing Batton Murphy here a few
months ago returned a verdict of
guilty of involuntary manslaughter.
The trial has been going on the
entire week. The case has attracted
considerable attention throughout
this section of the state.

"BLACK HANDER"
ITALIAN MAY BE

Justice Gordon Commits Him
Pending Some Action in
His Case.

Justice Samuel W. Gordon is not
sure that he has not a Black Hand
man on his hands, resulting from
the discovery of an Italian in the
court house this morning, who had
been acting curiously. The justice
sent him to jail temporarily, where
he will remain pending action.

The name of the fellow is not
definitely known. He gave it as
John Faustua and stated that he re-
sided in the court house. An un-
balanced mentality may be his at
present any way.

John appears to have spent all the
day before in the court house, visit-
ing most of the rooms and acting
queerly. At night he meandered
into the basement, where the atten-
tion to John W. Thomas, janitor,
was called to him. The fellow asked
for and was given food and he re-
mained in the basement during the
night. When morning came it was
deemed discreet to take official cog-
nizance of his presence.

DEMOCRATS ARE
TO HOLD CAUCUS

For the Purpose of Taking
Steps to Frame a New
Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—
A call was issued today for a caucus
of Democratic members of the next
House to be held January 19.

Plans for immediate selection of
Democratic members of the next
ways and means committee will be
acted on with a view to framing a
tariff bill for submission to the next
Congress.

VICTIM OF COLD

Point Pleasant Man Picked
Up in Cincinnati in Seri-
ous Condition.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 16.—Wil-
liam Payton, of Point Pleasant, was
picked up by the police here and
cared for. When found the man was
almost frozen to death through ex-
posure. He is expected to recover.

DIES AT JANE LEW.

Mrs. Sarah Stutler is dead at her
home at Jane Lew, as the result of
stomach trouble. She was 73 years
of age. The body will be brought
to this city Saturday afternoon for
burial, which will take place in the
Odd Fellows' cemetery. Captain
John Smith, conductor, of this city,
and Thomas Smith, of Weston, are
brothers.

NUMBER OF GAMES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The Nation-
al League today decided upon a season
of 154 games for 1911. The season
will begin April 12 and end on or
about October 12. This plan was
adopted after a consultation with
the American League.

PERKINS DIES.

YONKERS, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Mel-
ville Delaney Landon, better known
as "Bert Perkins," author and lecturer,
died at his home here today.

Which Arrives in Washington
with the Institute's Ad-
vance Guard.

MAJ. PAGE PRESIDES

At the Annual Meeting of the
Association Held at Fed-
eral Capital.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—
It is a fortunate coincidence that one
of the new mine rescue cars of the
Bureau of Mines and Mining was in
Washington at the time of the meet-
ing of the West Virginia Mining As-
sociation, whose purpose is to min-
imize the danger of loss of life in
coal mine accidents. The car ar-
rived, after travelling for some weeks
in the northern part of West Vir-
ginia, at the same time that the ad-
vance guard of the Mining Associa-
tion was getting in.

The purpose of the West Virginia
Mining Association, which was or-
ganized two years ago, is to render
life more secure in the mining in-
dustry. The purpose of the mine
rescue car is not only to render as-
sistance in rescue work at mines,
but to instruct miners in the work
of rescuing victims and restoring
them to health. The car will remain
here over Sunday and will then be
taken over the Chesapeake and Ohio
railway direct to Huntington, which
is to be the headquarters of the car.
It is in charge of J. J. Rutledge,
mining engineer. J. W. Kee is fore-
man of the rescue work and C. C.
Bumby is the expert in charge of
first aid to the injured.

Among the apparatus employed on
the rescue car are two most val-
uable devices—the oxygen helmet,
enabling rescue parties to enter a mine
filled with poisonous gases and
fumes without danger; and the pul-
motor, which compels respiration,
even when life is almost extinct. It
forces oxygen into the lungs and sucks
out the air after once breathed.
Two cases are reported from Ohio in
which bodies of men supposed to be
dead, were treated with the pulmotor
and they were resuscitated after it
was supposed respiration had ceased.

The car, which is on exhibiton
here, will go to Huntington and
from there will be sent to all parts
of the state in turn to give instruc-
tion to miners in the art of res-
cuing men from mines in case of ac-
cident as well as in the prevention
of accidents.

Major William N. Page, formerly
of Ansted, W. Va., the man who su-
perintended the construction of the
Deepwater branch of the Vir-
ginian railway, is president of the
West Virginia Mining Association,
whose meeting was held here today.
He now lives in Washington. Nell
Robinson, of Charleston, is secre-
tary. Operators of practically all
the mines in West Virginia, except
those in the United States Steel
Corporation, are included in the
membership of this association.

President Page stated today that
since the formation of the associa-
tion, no disaster has occurred in the
state similar to those at Red Ash,
Paral and Monongah.

It was a disappointment to those at-
tending the meeting that President
Taft was compelled by press of busi-
ness to decline the invitation tender-
ed him through Congressman
Gaines to attend the meeting, but
the President expressed himself as in
full sympathy with the purpose of
the association and wished it prosper-
ity and a successful outcome of
its efforts in behalf of the miners of
West Virginia.

COLD WAVE

Results in One Death and
Much Suffering in the
Northeast.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—One death
and much suffering have resulted in
New York from the sudden cold wave
which today holds the northeastern
section of the country in its grip.
Nine above zero is the minimum tem-
perature in this city.

MASON TO MEET.

There will be a special meeting of
Heron Lodge, No. 6, A. F. and A.
M., tonight at 7:30 o'clock for work.
All members are urged to be pres-
ent.

Chicago Has Big Thermometer That
Works For Charity at Dollar a Degree

Photo by American Press Association.

Chicago decided she needed a lot of money to help out her poor and needy.
Appeals have been made so many times that the churches decided they could
not raise the public to the gift giving point unless some novel method was
used. Chicagoans found that the people wanted a run for their money—a little
bit of excitement and fun in giving away their money. So a giant thermometer
was built and placed at State and Madison streets, the busiest corner in Chi-
cago. Every dollar dropped in the slot raised the bulb a fraction of a degree.
Degrees were marked off until \$100,000 was reached. Freezing came under
\$10,000, cold under \$25,000. It became warm when it reached the \$75,000 point
and boiling when at \$95,000. The people of Chicago became so anxious to see
the thermometer at the boiling point that crowds gathered by the thousands
and cheered the rising temperature. In two weeks the money required was
raised.

DELUGE PREVAILS
ALL OVER ENGLAND

Immense Stretch of Country
is Being Devastated
by Floods.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Floods are de-
vastating an immense stretch of coun-
try. A deluge of rain has been
practically incessant since the first
of December.

Large areas of territory are inun-
dated.
In many villages houses are flood-
ed.

COOK TO REAPPEAR

Next Week According to
Word Sent New York
Friends.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Dr. Fred-
erick A. Cook, traveler, today sent
word to friends here that he would
appear next week. The doctor in to-
morrow's issue of the Hampton
magazine tells of the mental and
physical strain he labored under on
the journey northward, and he says
he unquestionably believed he
reached the North Pole.

MURDERED

Brutal Crime at Huntington
Being Probed—Family In-
sists It Was Suicide.

HUNTINGTON, Dec. 16.—M. Ma-
rius Lee, aged 70, a farmer of Mc-
Curdy, W. Va., was shot and in-
stantly killed just east of this city
under mysterious circumstances,
and the police believe that he was
the victim of a murder plot. He
had been visiting at the home of a
relative here, and while standing on
the back porch of the home was
shot down, two bullets taking effect
in his head and causing instant
death.

A pistol was found near his side,
and his relatives claim that he com-
mitted suicide. However, the police
have discovered some mysterious
circumstances which lead them to
believe that the aged man was mur-
dered.

DENNISON NAMED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—
President Taft today sent to the
Senate the nomination of E. H.
Dennison, of Ohio, to consult at
Dundee, Scotland.

Here by the Real Estate
Agency of Willison and
Dennison.

COUNTRY IS GREAT

And Grand Possibilities
Await Purchasers of
Homes.

R. B. Willison, of the Willison &
Dennison Company, has just return-
ed from a trip to St. Louis and St.
Pierce, Fla., where he has been
looking over a tract of land owned
by the East Coast Realty Company
of Washington, D. C., and in which
quite a number of West Virginia
people are interested.

The Willison & Dennison Company
have agreed to handle 1,000 acres of
farm lands in 40-acre tracts, soil of
which is adapted to the raising of
oranges, grape fruit, tangerines,
pine apples and all kinds of vegeta-
bles. The property is located about
one and one-half miles from the
towns of St. Lucie and St. Pierce, and
these towns are located on the In-
dian river, on the east coast of Flor-
ida, where Charles S. Smiley, Mrs.
Agnes Stuart and daughter, Robert
Kobegard, Mr. Hoskins, of Weston,
and others of West Virginia have
their homes.

There is no question about the fu-
ture of Florida, the climate is equal
to that of the Pacific coast, it is very
much closer to the East, and there
was scarcely a day while Mr. Will-
son was there but that there were
train loads of home and farm
seekers going to different parts of
Florida to purchase farms, as they
are just commencing to know the
full value of large profits taken
from the farms of people who have
purchased in Florida.

Mr. Willison investigated this
party in every phase, condition of
soil, climate and profits taken from
lands that under cultivation, and
there is no question that those pur-
chasing some of the propositions
that will be put on the market will
make money and if they desire to
farm the lands they will find that
no where can there be larger profits
made than in that section.

The Willison Dennison Company
will give prices and general infor-
mation on this subject as soon
as the literature is received and will
have a display of fruits from that
section.

PUT TO DEATH

By Means of the Electric
Chair Are Two Virginia
Murderers.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 16.—John J.
Smyth, a bartender, who shot and
killed his wife and young daughter
at their home in Norfolk last August,
was electrocuted in the penitentiary
here this morning.

Jim Stillington, a negro, who mur-
dered a seventy-year-old woman in
Rockingham was also put to death.

HARD FIGHT

Is Likely to Be Made Over
the Postmastership at
Ravenswood.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—
Congressman H. C. Woodard has
five presidential postoffices in his dis-
trict for which he has the recom-
mendations for postmasterships to
make. The terms of the present in-
cumbents at all these offices will ex-
pire before the end of his term and
he will put in five good Republicans
for additional terms. He has no in-
tention of taking the matter up be-
fore the holidays, however. The of-
fices where appointments will be dis-
posed are Parkersburg, Cairo, Penna-
polis, Ravenswood and Spencer. The
probability is there will be no
change at Parkersburg and at some
of the other offices, but that a hard
fight will be caused over the office
at Ravenswood.

SECRET MEETING.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—
A meeting of the West Virginia de-
legation was held yesterday at the
instance, it is said, of Judge John W.
Mason, of Fairmont. None of those
present will tell what the purpose
of the meeting was.

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